SALTBURN & MARSKE-BY-THE-SEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1970 ANNUAL REPORT

by the

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and the

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1970

To the Chairman and Members of Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1970.

The health of the area is satisfactory and is comparable with that of the country as a whole.

I should like to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support throughout the year and also to thank the Council's officers and especially Mr. N. R. Darling for their help and co-operation.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
P. S. R. BURRELL,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in Acres)	4,082
Population (Registrar General's Estimate for mid-1970) ...	18,460
Population (England and Wales)	48,987,700
Number of inhabited houses	6,443
Rateable Value	£607,457
Product of a Penny Rate	£2,500

TABLE I

VITAL STATISTICS

	Saltburn & Marske U.D C. Male	Female	Total	England & Wales Total
Live Births:				
Legitimate	191	174	365	719,738
Illegitimate	13	14	27	64,744
Total	204	188	392	784,482
Still Births:				
Legitimate	3	—	3	9,297
Illegitimate	—	—	—	1,044
Total	3	—	3	10,341
Total Live and Still Births:				
Legitimate	194	174	368	729,035
Illegitimate	13	14	27	65,788
Total	207	188	395	794,823
Deaths of infants under 1 year:				
Legitimate	3	1	4	12,592
Illegitimate	—	1	1	1,677
Total	3	2	5	14,269
Under 4 Weeks:				
Legitimate	2	1	3	8,548
Illegitimate	—	1	1	1,115
Total	2	1	3	9,663
Under 1 week:				
Legitimate	1	1	1	7,343
Illegitimate	1	1	1	985
Total	1	1	2	8,328
Deaths, all ages	90	93	183	575,208

TABLE II

BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES, etc.

	Saltburn & Marske	England & Wales
LIVE BIRTH RATES, etc.		
Live births per 1,000 population (crude rate)	21.2	16.0
Area comparability factor	0.90	1.0
Adjusted Rate (Saltburn & Marske)	19.1	16.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.19	1.0
Illegitimate Rate as percentage of all live births	7	8
Still Births Rate (1,000 total live and still births) ...	8	13
Infant Mortality Rate		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	13	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	11	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	37	26
Neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	8	12
Early Neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births	5	11
Perinatal mortality rate Still births and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live and still births	13	23
DEATH RATES		
Deaths per 1,000 population (crude rate)	9.9	11.7
Area comparability factor	1.35	1.0
Adjusted rate (Saltburn & Marske)	13.4	11.7
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.14	1.0

TABLE III

Deaths by Age Groups:

Under 4 weeks	3	35 years — 44 years	6
4 weeks — 1 year	2	45 years — 54 years	13
1 year — 4 years	1	55 years — 64 years	22
5 years — 14 years	—	65 years — 75 years	52
15 years — 24 years	2	75 years and over	77
25 years — 34 years	4	Total	183

TABLE IV

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

		Male	Female	Total
B18	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	—	1	1
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ...	1	—	1
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	2	2
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	4	4	8
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	10	—	10
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	3	3
B19(8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1	1
B19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	—	2
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	4	9
B22	Avitaminoses, Etc.	—	1	1
B46(1)	Other Endoctrine, Etc. Diseases ...	—	1	1
B23	Anaemias	—	1	1
B46(5)	Other diseases of Nervous System ...	2	3	5
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ...	3	3	6
B27	Hypertensive Disease	—	1	1
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	27	26	53
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease ...	3	3	6
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	10	17	27
B46(6)	Other Disease of Circulatory System ...	2	3	5
B31	Influenza	1	1	2
B32	Pneumonia	3	5	8
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	—	1
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	—	1	1
B34	Peptic Ulcer	2	—	2
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System ...	—	1	1
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	1	1
B46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System ...	1	2	3
B46(11)	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ...	—	1	1
B42	Congenital Anomalies	3	—	3
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality ...	1	1	2
B45	Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions ...	1	1	2
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1	3
BE48	All Other Accidents	5	4	9
BE50	All Other External Causes	1	—	1
Total — All Causes	... ...	90	93	183

SALTBURN AND MARSKE

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES 1970

	1970 Population 18,460	1969 Population 17,820	1968 Population 16,820	1967 Population 15,360
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid Fever ...	0	0	0	0
Measles	269	29	216	102
Whooping Cough	20	0	0	1
Meningococcal Infection ...	0	0	0	0
Anterior Poliomyletis ...	0	0	0	0
Acute Encephalitis ...	0	0	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	0	1	0	4
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	0	0	0	0
Opthalmia Neonatorum ...	0	0	0	0
Food Poisoning	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	0	110	1	1
Infective Jaundice	0	11	0	0

NOTIFICATIONS OF RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS 1970

Male Age Groups							Female Age Groups							
0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	Total
—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

COMMENTARY

Population

The population of the Urban District has risen by 640 from 17,820 to 18,460 according to the Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population. Although this is not as great as the increase in the previous two years when 1,000 (1969) and 1190 (1968) were recorded it nevertheless represents a substantial increase in the number of inhabitants of the area.

The birth rate as adjusted for age and other differences in the population distribution was 19.1 per 1,000 compared with 16.0 for England and Wales. Such a difference is commonly observed when new housing development takes place owing to the influx of younger people.

The death rate as adjusted was 13.4 compared with 11.7 for England and Wales.

The number of illegitimate births rose from 12 in 1969 to 27 in 1970 but this marked difference appears to be due to exceptionally low figures for 1969 since the actual illegitimacy rate is 7% of all births compared with 8% for England and Wales.

Infectious Diseases

There was a considerable outbreak of Measles during the year, some 269 cases being notified. Vaccination against this disease has been available for sometime now but is only gaining acceptance slowly so that further outbreaks may occur from time to time.

There was also a small outbreak of whooping cough during the year, twenty cases being notified in all. Although this is the largest number recorded for some years the cases all occurred in the earlier part of the year and no notifications were received in the last quarter.

There were no notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis during the year.

Immunization

Routine immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, poliomyelitis and measles is offered to all infants in their early months. As previously noted measles vaccination is gaining general acceptance only slowly but I have little doubt that it will be taken up more and more frequently in the future. Indeed, at the time of writing there is already evidence that the incidence of this disease is beginning to fall in the country as a whole.

A further development during the year was the introduction of a vaccine against rubella (German Measles). It has been known for some years that rubella in the early months of pregnancy carries the risk of congenital defects in the unborn infant. It is considered that this can be largely prevented by vaccination against the disease and such vaccine is now available to girls between the ages of 11 — 14. The vaccine has been generally accepted from the start, refusals being the exception rather than the rule. The vaccine is offered as a routine measure to girls in their first year in a secondary school.

Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels Service provided by the W.R.V.S. continues to operate in both Saltburn and Marske. In addition to the valuable contribution to the nutrition of the elderly which this service provides, the regular visits of the W.R.V.S. members often results in the early detection of deterioration of health, information reaching the health services earlier than would otherwise be the case. New premises in Marske are being provided by the Council.

Food Hygiene

Standards of food hygiene are reasonably satisfactory. Occasional complaints are received and these are investigated and appropriate action taken.

Water Supply

The whole of the area is supplied by mains water supply by the Tees Valley & Cleveland Water Board. The supply is satisfactory in quality and quantity. Samples were taken at intervals during the year and were proved satisfactory. I am informed that the natural fluoride content of the water supplied is of the order of 0.1 — 0.3 parts per million.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACTS

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	59	72	6
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	6	6	—
TOTAL	65	78	6

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which Defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	1	1
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
(a) Insufficient	2	2
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	1	1
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1
TOTAL	5	5

CLINIC FACILITIES IN THE AREA

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Tuesday and Friday at 1-30 p.m. (This Clinic is staffed by the Regional Hospital Board).

CHILD WELFARE SESSIONS:

Marske Clinic. Mondays at 2 p.m.
The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 9-30 a.m.

MINOR AILMENTS CLINIC:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Wednesdays at 10-30 a.m.

IMMUNIZATIONS SESSIONS:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 2 p.m.
Marske Clinic. Mondays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

CHIROPODY CLINIC:

Red Cross House, Amber Street, Saltburn. By appointment.
Marske Clinic By appointment.
A domicilary service is available to persons unable to travel to the clinics by reason of infirmity.

SPEECH THERAPY:

Marske Clinic. Fridays by appointment.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION CLINIC:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Tuesday at 7-00 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1970

N. R. DARLING, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Certificated Meat Inspector

To the Chairman and Members of the Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit my twenty-fourth annual report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1970.

The staff of the department consists of an Additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. R. Evans, one full-time Shorthand Typist/Clerk and a full-time Rodent Operator.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE PREPARATION AND SALE OF FOOD

Regular inspections have been made of cafes, hotel kitchens, ice cream premises, food shops, stalls and vehicles for the purpose of enforcing the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act, Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1960 and Bye-Laws.

During the year, 52 warnings were given in respect of breaches of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The following articles of food, other than fresh meat, were surrendered to me during the year and classified as unfit for human consumption:—

Tinned Goods	15 lbs.
Frozen Goods	2 cwt. 34 lbs.
Other Goods	52 lbs.
	2 cwt. 101 lbs.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

At the beginning of the year there was one licensed slaughterhouse in the district and one hundred per cent meat inspection was carried out following slaughter. During the year 260 visits were made and the carcasses and organs of 660 animals were inspected. The total weight of meat classified as unfit for human consumption was 3 cwt. 52 lbs.

Slaughter of Animals Regulations — No contraventions of the Regulations were found during the year.

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or Part:

	Cattle exclud'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	136	—	—	524	—	—
Number Inspected	136	—	—	524	—	—
All Diseases (except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci) Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was Condemned ...	16	—	—	15	—	—
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	12.5	—	—	2.8	—	—
Tuberculosis only: Whole Carcasses Condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was Condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticerosis	—	—	—	—	—	—

Meat was condemned for the following reasons:

	lbs.
Cirrhosis	30
Fascioliasis	50
Parasitic Affection	50
Abscesses	45
Meat from shops and schools kitchens condemned for decomposition	213
	3 cwt. 52 lbs.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Certificates of Registration have been granted under Section 16 of the above Act for the sale of ice-cream and the manufacture of sausage, etc.

Sale of Ice-Cream	63
Manufacture of Pickled, Pressed or Preserved Food and Sausage, including Fried Fish Shops	13

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Legal proceedings were instituted by the Council under Section 8 of the Food and Drugs Act which deals with food sold which is unfit for human consumption. The case involved a steak and kidney pie which was mouldy and the owners of the premises concerned pleaded guilty and were fined £10 plus £5.25 advocates fee plus £1.15p costs.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Two licences to Slaughter Animals were renewed during the year.

SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

An Order is in force prohibiting the sale of shellfish collected on the foreshore for human consumption and notices are exhibited on the approaches to the area where the shellfish are found.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1961

At the end of 1970 there were 59 factories on the register of the Local Authority. During the year, 72 visits were made to these premises and 6 notices were served in respect of breaches of the Regulations with regard to cleanliness and sanitary conveniences.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Herewith is a tabulated statement of the inspections made during the twelve months under review:

Total number of Inspections	711
Total number of Nuisances and Defects found	711
Total number of Informal Notices	164
Total number of Informal Notices Complied With ...	164
Total number of Informal Notices Outstanding ...	Nil
Total number of Statutory Notices	Nil

LISTS OF DEFECTS

Defective Drainage	12
Dirty Yard	1
Smoke Nuisance	7
Defective Eavesgutter	25
Defective Chimney	9
Accumulation of Refuse	6
Absence of Water Supply	2
Nuisances	14
Blocked Drain	22
Damp Walls (Internal)	78
Breach of Tenancy Regulations	4
Absence of Bath in Bathroom	6
Absence of Bathroom	4
Absence of Wash-hand Basin	7
Absence of Hot Water Supply	14
Absence of Water Closet in Dwelling	12
Dilapidated Structures	6
Defective Water Closet Basin	19
Breach of Food Hygiene Regulations	54
Breach of Factories Act	4
Dangerous Staircase	9
Defective Door	44
Defective Waste Pipe	4
Defective Water Supply Pipe	3
Defective Soil Pipe	2
Defective or Perished Wall Plaster	59
Defective Windows or Window Frames	84
Perished Pointing	11
Lack of Ventilation	11
Defective Roof	33
Defective rendering	10
Insufficient Water Supply	5
Defective Ceiling	11
Defective Floors	23
Defective Fireplace	8
Defective Downpipe	15
Broken Step	10
Breach of Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	72
Breach of Building Byelaws	1
Untidy Garden	—
	711

LICENSED PREMISES

Visits have been made to all licensed premises in the area for the purpose of checking sanitary accommodation, washing facilities and general conditions under the Food and Drugs Act and Food Hygiene Regulations.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are two licensed sites in the area, the larger being under the control of the Local Authority and having accommodation for 525 caravans. There is a small private site which has accommodation for four caravans.

The sites are provided with washing facilities, piped water supply, waste water drainage, and water closets.

Two applications were received and granted for permission to station caravans in connection with the fairground at Old Saltburn and these were granted for a period of one year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of registered premises at the end of the year was 188, this total being made up of 31 offices, 123 retail shops and 32 catering establishments open to the public. The total number of persons employed at these premises was 554. A total of 73 visits were made by Inspectors to the registered premises.

The majority of the premises comply with the regulations, the only breaches of the regulations found were of minor items such as thermometers, insufficient first aid boxes and lighting and ventilation to water closets.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

The Council employs a full-time Rodent Operator and herewith is a tabulated statement of the work carried out during the year. These services are provided free to householders and a charge is made to business premises.

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				Agricultural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other including Business Premises	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	(5)
1. No. of properties in Local Authority's District ...	15	5944	1000	6959	31
2. No. of Properties inspected as a result of notification.	1	450	440	890	13
No. of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat—Minor	1	315	245	560	17
House Mouse—Minor	—	85	35	120	—
3. No. of Properties inspected in course of Survey under the Act	15	95	65	160	2
No. of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat—Minor	7	18	16	41	—
House Mouse—Minor	1	8	5	14	1
4. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections.	149	131	241	521	35
5. No. of Infested Properties (in Sections 2 and 3) treated by Local Authority.	6	190	50	246	1

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Council are members of the National Society for Clean Air and the Teesside Clean Air Committee.

Two deposit gauges are in use in the area, one being sited at Marske-by-Sea in the playing field of the Junior School, Windy Hill Lane, by the kind permission of the Secretary for Education and one in the Police Station grounds at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, by kind permission of the Chief Constable.

The tables show the results for the twelve months together with wind records for the period.

Two volumetric gauges are in use, one at 30 Vicarage Drive, Marske-by-the-Sea and one at the Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn-by-the-Sea. In addition to smoke readings, sulphur dioxide readings are taken on the machine at Saltburn.

During the year a mobile exhibition organised by the Solid Smokeless Fuels Federation was in the area and the attendance was satisfactory.

MARSKE GAUGE 1970

	PH Value	Undissolved Matter Tons/sq. Mile	Rainfall in Inches	Fe_2O_3
January	5.7	7.08	1.67	1.07
February	6.4	5.18	0.70	0.73
March	6.8	9.35	1.62	1.57
April	6.3	4.21	1.39	0.90
May	6.9	1.80	0.37	0.23
June	6.6	1.38	0.10	0.29
July	6.3	4.51	1.89	0.43
August	5.9	4.41	2.88	0.53
Septmeber	5.6	1.54	0.58	0.23
October		Not received		
November		Received empty		
December	5.4	7.85	2.02	1.24
Average	6.1	47.3	13.1	7.2

SALTBURN GAUGE 1970

	PH Value	Undissolved Matter Tons/sq. Mile	Rainfall in Inches	Fe_2O_3
January	5.2	3.78	1.93	0.68
February	6.0	2.71	1.05	0.43
March	6.9	7.18	2.13	1.24
April	Not received			
May	Not received			
June	Not received			
July	Not received			
August	6.8	6.28	2.93	1.07
September	6.0	7.68	0.77	0.47
October	5.5	0.97	1.50	0.17
November	7.0	6.05	3.21	0.67
December	5.1	1.54	2.37	0.33
Average	6.0	4.52	19.8	8.3

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
MARSKE SMOKE READING

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	194	11	62.05
February	175	24	86.67
March	100	5	50.94
April	60	5	24.24
May	30	9	19.80
June	66	5	14.84
July	23	5	12.75
August	42	3	16.1
September	60	6	22.4
October	91	9	33.1
November	165	21	50.5
December	94	22	48.4

SALTBURN SMOKE READING

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	214	15	54.26
February	220	9	84.75
March	121	4	50.14
April	104	16	45.75
May	33	2	18.00
June	29	3	11.3
July	41	2	16.67
August	55	6	20.2
September	76	2	32
October	101	11	35.95
November	128	18	60.4
December	216	12	75.6

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE

MARSKE SULPHUR DIOXIDE READINGS

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	211	12	67.00
February	143	35	82.11
March	210	26	63.06
April	83	10	42.13
May	92	25	42.47
June	111	4	39
July	105	13	45.85
August	102	24	60.3
September	163	30	77.9
October	140	24	78.8
November	199	37	90.4
December	150	25	89

SALTBURN SULPHUR DIOXIDE READINGS

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	207	8	77.56
February	103	23	62.67
March	115	39	60.55
April	90	7	48.47
May	270	20	67.06
June	201	27	59.56
July	145	6	66
August	148	49	84.7
September	207	33	98.89
October	171	42	92.65
November	174	67	114.5
December	296	43	128.6

WIND RECORDS 1970 — TOTAL HOURS

	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calm	No Rec.
January	40	29	52	174	149	152	39	24	9	76
February	55	68	0	6	9	234	76	122	0	102
March	46	91	0	0	39	224	133	158	5	48
April	95	89	33	4	4	130	191	119	4	51
May	17	211	83	9	29	132	153	87	2	21
June	36	243	119	7	8	149	116	37	5	0
July	34	49	12	2	10	249	247	130	3	8
August	19	164	149	3	11	150	166	65	15	2
September	5	36	11	10	31	371	137	72	2	45
October	70	37	11	2	7	271	197	104	6	39
November	42	33	31	27	24	291	183	87	0	2
December	107	68	77	10	23	268	119	72	0	0
Average	4.9	9.3	6.0	2.7	3.0	21.8	14.6	9.0	4.0	3.3

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One licence issued under the above Act was renewed during the year. The premises registered were visited regularly and no breaches of the Act were found during the year.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One licence issued under the above Act was renewed during the year. The premises registered were visited regularly and no breaches of the Act were found during the year.

HOUSING

During 1970, 42 Council Houses, 57 Council Flats and 1 Prefab were allocated and 21 applicants for elderly persons accommodation were rehoused. During the year, 38 applications were received from tenants for exchanges of council houses and 24 exchanges took place. Four applications were received for permission to take lodgers and all were approved by the Council.

WARDEN SERVICES TO ELDERLY PERSONS ACCOMMODATION

There are nine Wardens employed by the Council in connection with groups of elderly persons' bungalows and flats. This scheme is worked under the grant aid scheme of the North Riding County Council of up to £30 per head for each person eligible for Warden Service. Housing accommodation is provided for every Warden and an intercommunication system is installed in every elderly person's accommodation, so that they have direct contact with the Warden.

This service has proved very satisfactory and the elderly people are very happy with it. The Wardens carry out their work in a very satisfactory manner and have been of great help to the occupants of the accommodation.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS ACT, 1958 AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT 1959, HOUSING ACTS, 1961, 64 and 69).

Thirteen applications were received for Discretionary Grants during the year and twelve were approved by the Council.

Fifteen applications for Standard Grants were received and approved by the Council during the year. The number of amenities provided was as follows:

Baths	8
Wash-hand Basins	3
Hot Water Supplies	7
Water Closets inside Dwellings	8

The total amount of grants paid by the Council during 1970 was as follows:—

Discretionary Grants	£1,451.22
Standard Grants	£652.84

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of Houses completed in 1970:—

(a) Council	66
(b) Other	156

I wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee and Councillors for supporting me in my work during the year, and the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. P. S. R. Burrell, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., for the encouragement and advice he has given me during the year.

I wish also to express my thanks to the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, Officials and Staff of the Council for their co-operation during the year.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
N. R. DARLING,
Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer.